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IT WAS A GRIM AND FRIGHTENING MORNING THAT EVENTFUL DAY IN OCTOBER 1951, WHEN NEW YORKERS AWOKE TO FIND A GIGANTIC SPACE SHIP ANCHORED IN THE AUTUMN SKY. A SHIP THAT WAS IMPERVIOUS TO H-BOMBS AND DESTROYED THE ARMY'S BIGGEST BOMBERS AS IF THEY WERE FLIES. EVEN GORDON DANE, KNOWN AS CAPTAIN SCIENCE, AND HIS TWO DARING ASSISTANTS, RIP AND LUANA, WERE HELPLESS AGAINST THIS INVADER FROM ANOTHER GALAXY COMMANDED BY SUPER-BEINGS WHO CALLED THEMSELVES *"THE LEGION OF SPACE...."*

WHAT IS IT? WHERE ARE THEY FROM? WHAT DO THEY WANT?

THE RADIO SAYS THEY BELIEVE IT IS FROM OUTER SPACE. THEY ARE SENDING PLANES UP TO CHECK IT.

A CHILL OCTOBER MORNING AS ALL NEW YORK SPECULATES ON THE GIANT SHIP THAT CAME FROM NOWHERE...

LOOK! THERE THEY ARE NOW! MAYBE THEY CAN FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT.

THEY'RE SO TINY AGAINST THAT HUGE CRAFT. WHAT CAN THEY POSSIBLY DO AGAINST A MONSTER LIKE THAT?

IT IS OBVIOUS! FOR THE LAST THOUSAND YEARS ALL DISEASE HAS BEEN WIPED OUT IN OUR WORLD. THERE IS NO SICKNESS OF ANY SORT.

NO GERMS OF ANY SORT? THAT IS REMARKABLE! TELL ME MORE.

IN FACT THERE IS NO OTHER FORM OF LIFE LEFT ON OUR PLANET. WE DESTROYED IT ALL. EVEN OUR FOOD IS MADE OF SYNTHETICS. NOW WE NEED A RACE TO SERVE US AND WE HAVE FOUND IT!

OUR ANALYTICAL MACHINES WILL GIVE US A COMPLETE BREAKDOWN OF YOUR MENTALITY, PHYSICAL STRUCTURE, THOUGHTS, - EVERYTHING. WITH THIS INFORMATION WE WILL RETURN TO OUR OWN WORLD TO PREPARE A SUCCESSFUL INVASION BY OUR LEGIONAIRES...

YOU MAY KILL US, BUT YOU WILL NEVER LIVE TO SUCCEED WITH YOUR MAD PLAN.

AS SOON AS THE ALIEN BEING LEAVES, CAPTAIN SCIENCE BEGINS A STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM. HE SUCCEEDS IN GETTING AN ARM LOOSE....

IF WE CAN WRECK THESE MACHINES WE MAY YET STOP THEM.

A MOMENT LATER HE IS FREE...

ALL RIGHT, NOW GET TO WORK AND DO A JOB ON THOSE MACHINES. WE MUST MAKE SURE THIS INFORMATION NEVER REACHES THEIR PLANET.

LET'S GO!

BUT FATE IS AGAINST THEM. AS THEY START TO DEMOLISH THE MACHINES, THE ALIEN CREATURES DISCOVER THEIR ESCAPE....

HURRY, GORDON, GET US LOOSE.

... THEY HAVE GOTTEN LOOSE. THE *APHYDINE WHIPS!* QUICK!

WE'VE FAILED. THEY'VE GOT US!

CAPTAIN SCIENCE

FROM THE SINISTER DARKNESS OF STELLAR SPACE COMES THE PLANET TO END ALL PLANETS .. THE "VAMPIRE" WORLD! THIS VAMPIRE-GLOBE, PEOPLED BY SWIRLING HEADS THAT NEVER DIE ... BEGINS TO FEED ON THE EARTH, GULPING IT IN HUGE CHUNKS ..JUST AS YOU'D BITE AND EAT AN APPLE! CAN CAPTAIN SCIENCE. AIDED BY HIS LOYAL ASSISTANTS RIP AND LUANA...DODGE AND DEFEAT THE ALL-ENSWIRLING DANGER? PREPARE FOR THE WAR OF TWO WORLDS AS THE EARTH AND CAPTAIN SCIENCE BATTLE THE PLUNDERING PLANET AND THE KING OF THE HUNGRY.

"HEADS OF HORROR!"

HIDDEN DEEP IN THE NEW MEXICO MOUNTAINS IN HIS SECRET LABORATORY, CAPTAIN SCIENCE WHOSE EARTH NAME IS GORDON DANE IS READY FOR ACTION AS HE, RIP AND LUANA RECEIVE A WARNING MESSAGE FROM THE ROBOT "BRAIN"

ONCE MORE THE SWIRLING WORLD OF HORROR HEADS COMES TO DRINK UP EARTH BEWARE!

QUICK! TUNE IN THIS MENACE ON THE "SPACE AND TIME VIEWER"

THE TIME-VIEWER SPINS BACKWARDS...AND EVEN THE DAUNTLESS TRIO RECOIL FROM A HORRIBLE SIGHT

UGGHH! I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT!

HOW CAN WE HOPE TO FIGHT THIS.. THIS THING?

BUT EVEN CAPTAIN SCIENCE'S LATEST WEAPONS CAN'T STOP THE HOSTILE HEADS!

WE DESTROY AND SCATTER ONE HEAD... AND TWELVE NEW ONES GROW!

THEY'RE MADE OF SOME PROTOPLASMIC JELLY! THEY DON'T KNOW DEATH!

HOLD YOUR FIRE! SEE WHAT THEY DO!

THEY WANT YOU, GORDON! *ONLY YOU!*

COME TO ME, CAPTAIN SCIENCE! COME!

I'M GETTING A THOUGHT MESSAGE FROM THE KING HEAD! WATCH THE SHIP... GUARD THE AMMUNITION... AND WAIT!

CARRIED ONWARD IN THE COLD CLUTCH OF THE INDESTRUCTIBLE DOME-TOPPED TENTACLES, THE DARING EARTH-DEFENDER COMES TO THE DREAD CITY OF CIRCLES!

THE THOUGHT WAVES ARE NEARER, CLEARER! THEY TELL ME I HAVE ONLY TWO DAYS TO SAVE THE DOOMED EARTH!

STRAIGHT INTO THE THRONE ROOM OF THE KING OF "HEADS" LEAPS THE UNDAUNTED CAPTAIN SCIENCE!

WELCOME TO YOUR DOOM...YOU ONE-HEADED EARTH-WEAKLING!

DARE I ATOM BLAST HIM...?

HA, HA, HA! SAVE YOUR AMMUNITION... I CAN READ YOUR MIND! MY HEADS CANNOT BE SHOT, YOU FOOL! AND IN JUST TWO DAYS MY PLANET SWALLOWS YOUR LITTLE EARTH!

HURTLING TO THE ATTACK, CAPTAIN SCIENCE SURPRISES THE "KING-HEAD"...AND LOOPS HIM INTO TWISTED KNOTS!

TRY SOLVING THAT PUZZLE!

YOU FOOL! THE EARTH IS DESTROYED... YOU CAN'T ESCAPE!

USING HIS TITAN-ATOM GUN AS RECOIL ROCKET-POWER, CAPTAIN SCIENCE "SHOOTS" HIMSELF BACK TO THE FLYING SAUCER...

GORDON! WE SAW THE EARTH EATEN UP...DESTROYED!

INTO THE SHIP! GET ME SOME STEEL CABLE!

THAT SHOULD KEEP THEM BUSY! START-BLAST OUR ENGINES... TAKE OFF!

OUT INTO SPACE LEAPS THE SAUCER...

GORDON...THERE'S NO EARTH TO RETURN TO...IT'S GONE!

POUR ON SPEED, RIP! SUPER-SPEED! LUANA, JUST WATCH THAT VAMPIRE-PLANET!

SOON...SAFE-LANDED BACK IN THEIR NEW MEXICO LAB RETREAT... CAPTAIN SCIENCE EXPLAINS HOW THE TIME-SPACE MACHINE HE HASTILY BUILT ADVANCED TIME TWO FULL DAYS ON THE ENEMY PLANET...

SO THE EARTH DEATH YOU *"SAW"* IS STILL TWO DAYS IN THE FUTURE! NOW IT'LL NEVER HAPPEN...BECAUSE THE VAMPIRE-PLANET IS ENDED...FOREVER!

WHEN THEY ARE THREE LIGHT-YEARS AWAY...A TREMENDOUS EXPLOSION ROCKS THE UNIVERSE!

THE ROBBER PLANET! IT'S BLASTED INTO ATOM DUST!

IT CAN NEVER FEED ON EARTH AGAIN!

THAT VAMPIRE PLANET AND THE HEADS OF HORROR ARE GLOWING DUST IN THE HEAVENS!

THE END

BRANT CRAIG

I'VE GOT TO HELP THE "HEAVENLY TWINS"--THEY'RE IN TROUBLE.

"WELCOME TO SATURN'S CIRCUS--WHERE YOU CAN GO TO THE DEVIL"!

"INFERNO BAR"

THAT'S BRANT CRAIG--HE'D RATHER FIGHT THAN EAT.

I WISH HE'D EAT. I'D LIKE TO GO ON DANCING

THE PLACE IS SATURN, IN 3038. BUT ALL HADES BROKE LOOSE WHEN CROOKS STOLE A TEN KRONJA AND A 20 KRONJA CURRENCY PLATE (ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO EARTH'S $10 AND $20 BILLS). EVERY BANK IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM FACED THE CLEVEREST SWINDLE OF ALL TIME! MONEY THAT WAS BAD, BUT YET WAS GOOD! SMALL WONDER THAT THE WORRIED SOLAR RESERVE BOARD CHAIRMAN CALLED IN TWO-FISTED BRANT CRAIG, THE INTERPLANETARY PRIVATE EYE TO SOLVE THE DARING CASE OF...

"THE HOT MONEY SPACE MOB."

THAT'S A GAL FOR YOU. ALWAYS MAKING CRACKS! BUT IF SHE THINKS I WAS FIGHTING FOR FUN, SHE'S ALL WRONG. THIS ALL STARTED..

IN THE OFFICE OF MILKAN MARJUS, OF THE SOLAR RESERVE BOARD, WHICH REGULATES THE SATURNIAN MONETARY SYSTEM ...

LOOK, MARJUS, I'M AT THE TRACK WITH A HOT RACE COMING UP, SO YOU HAVE TO...

GET YOU HERE? YES! LOCK THE DOOR, MISS DRAKE.

MISS VENUS DRAKE, THIS IS BRANT CRAIG, THE BEST PRIVATE DETECTIVE AROUND.

AND THE FRESHEST, I HEAR!

TO BE SERIOUS, BRANT, WE'RE IN BIG TROUBLE ... SOMEONE'S STOLEN A TEN KRONJA AND A TWENTY KRONJA MONEY PLATE.

WOW! NO WONDER COL. HUSTIS *ORDERED* ME HERE. BUT SO WHAT-- THEY NEED OFFICIAL PAPER.

THAT'S JUST IT. THEY HAVE IT. I HAD BEEN HOPING THE T-MEN COULD RECOVER IT! THE CROOKS HIJACKED A PAPER TRUCK LAST MONTH. AND NOW, WITH THOSE PLATES, THEY CAN PRINT PHONY MONEY THAT'S REAL! WE'LL BE RUINED-- UNLESS YOU CAN HELP!

AS THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE THEFT STRIKES HOME, BRANT FORGETS THE COMEDY AND GOES TO THE VAULT...

WHAT WE CAN'T UNDERSTAND BRANT, ARE THESE PRINTS. THEY'RE NOT HUMAN FINGERPRINTS. YET THE DOOR WAS OPENED AND SOME PERSON OR THING CRAWLED THROUGH THAT SMALL APERTURE TO GET THE PLATES.

WHO HAD THE COMBO?

JUST ME. AND JOE BLAKELY, OVER THERE, THE CHIEF GUARD. HE STANDS WITH HIS BACK TO ME WHEN I OPEN THE VAULT. JOE, SHOW MR. CRAIG.

OKAY, JOE-- THANKS. IT'S A CINCH *YOU* CAN'T SEE THE NUMBERS. GUESS MAYBE SOME STOOLIES LIKE THE "HEAVENLY TWINS" MIGHT HAVE A CLUE. I'LL CONTACT THEM TONIGHT...

BACK IN MARJUS' OFFICE...

THE "TWINS" HANG OUT AT *SATURN'S CIRCUS*, THE FAMOUS NIGHT CLUB. SAY, I'LL NEED A GIRL ESCORT. HOW ABOUT IT, MISS DRAKE?

WELL... I REALLY DON'T KNOW. I SHOULD STAY WITH MY KID BROTHER, WALDO, THOUGH. HE GOES BACK TO SATURN MILITARY ACADEMY, TOMORROW

THAT EVENING, BRANT MEETS THE PRECOCIOUS WALDO...

IS MISS... HEY...WHAT'S THE IDEA?

WELCOME, CRAIG. I'M WALDO, VENUS' BROTHER. WHASSA MATTER, NO LIKE JOKES, PAL?

NO, AND I DON'T LIKE FRESH KIDS, EITHER! OH... OH...

MISSTTTER CRAIG! HOW DARE YOU STRIKE MY BROTHER?

OH, IT'S JUST A GAME, ISN'T IT, WALDO?

ONE CRACK AND I BREAK YOUR ARM.

HONEY, YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL!

OW! THAT'S RIGHT, SIS. HE'S MY FRIEND, MY *PAL!*

AND SO, VENUS ACCOMPANIES BRANT TO SATURN'S CIRCUS, THE TOWN'S HOT SPOT: AS THEY DANCE...

SAY, THERE THEY ARE, THE "HEAVENLY TWINS." *HEY, TWINS!*

MR. CRAIG. MUST YOU SHOUT?

BUT AS BRANT GOES OVER TO MEET THEM, THERE'S AN UNEXPECTED INTERRUPTION...

SORRY, CHUM. I'M IN A HURRY.

OH, A FRESH GUY, EH? HAVE SOME LUMPS, PAL. AND I DON'T MEAN SUGAR.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR VENUS DRAKE, MR. CRAIG? SHE CALLED ME TO TAKE HER HOME! SHE'S IN MY SHIP NOW.

JOE BLAKELY. YEAH, YOU FOUND ME. COME ON.

BUT AS BRANT AND BLAKELY APPROACH THE SHIP...

AN AMBUSH. DUCK!

I SURE WILL-- BUT VENUS. SHE'S IN THERE!

ZING

ZING

ZING

AS THE SPACE SHIP ROARS OFF, BRANT GETS INTO HIS SPECIAL ARMY SPACE *SUIT*...

I'VE HAD ENOUGH! THIS SECRET ARMY JET SPACE SUIT IS OFFICIAL BUSINESS NOW. AFTER ALL, COL. HUSTIS GOT ME INTO THIS...

FLYING AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT, BRANT QUICKLY OVERHAULS THE SPACE SHIP AND DISABLES IT.

ALL RIGHT, YOU LUGS! DOWN YOU GO, AND MISS DRAKE HAD BETTER BE OKAY!

WELL, WELL, A COUPLE OF IMPORTED HOODS FROM THE PLUTO MOB. TALK, YOU RAYSTERS.

WE AIN'T GOT NO GIRL. WE WAS HIRED TO BLAST YOU, SO WE HID IN THE SPACE SHIP. OWWW.... WE GOT ORDERS ON THE RADAR PHONE.. GUY NAMED BLAKELY.

CONVINCED BLAKELY FINGERED HIM, BRANT RUSHES TO THE GUARD'S APARTMENT ONLY TO FIND....

BLAKELY!

DEAD! MURDERED! BUT HIS BELT? WHAT'D THEY TAKE THAT FOR? WELL, I'D BETTER CALL SECURITY.

USING HIS SPECIAL SPACEOPHONE, BRANT GETS COL. HUSTIS' OFFICE.

HERE'S BLAKELY'S BACKGROUND, BRANT. WORKED AS A CIRCUS FREAK AND...

A WHAT? SAY THAT AGAIN...WHAT'D HE DO? THANKS. OH, HAVE THE BOYS KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR VENUS DRAKE. I'M WORRIED. I DON'T WANT ANY HARM TO COME TO HER.

BACK HOME, BRANT PREPARES FOR SLEEP, BUT A CALLER BURSTS IN..

CRAIG! HOW DARE YOU HAVE THE SPACE COPS LOOK FOR MY SECRETARY. SHE'S SAFE AT HOME. IN FACT, SHE'S TAKING HER CUTE LITTLE BROTHER TO SCHOOL IN AN HOUR.

OH, OH. I ALMOST DID IT AGAIN! I'LL HUSTLE RIGHT OVER.

AS BRANT REACHES VENUS' HOME...

VENUS... I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU.

I'LL BET, ROMEO... AND LOOKING OFF THE FIELD, TOO! COME ON, WALDO.

IT'S TRUE. I'VE BEEN AWFULLY WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

WELL, IF YOU'RE TELLING THE TRUTH, YOU CAN DRIVE WALDO AND ME TO HIS SCHOOL. GET IN.

BUT BRANT SUDDENLY LUNGES FOR WALDO'S BELT.

NO RIDE FOR ME, KIDDIES. BUT ONE FOR WALDO.

DROP HIM...OR I'LL BLAST YOU!

JUST AS I THOUGHT... THIS BELT IS STRETCHABLE. IT'S MADE OF RUBBER.

YOU... YOU...

KILL HIM KILL HIM! COL HUSTIS IS COMING!

HEY, COLONEL, NOTICE I DON'T HAVE TO TURN TO SEE YOU

YOU SAW US IN THAT BELT BUCKLE. THEN BLAKLEY MUST HAVE JUST STRETCHED THE BELT AND COOLLY TAKEN DOWN THE COMBINATION, AS THOUGH LOOKING IN A MIRROR. BUT... VENUS...SHE...

VENUS IS THE HEAD OF THE MOB. AND THIS KID BROTHER, HE AIN'T NO KID... HES A MIDGET JOE BLAKELY WORKED WITH HIM AS "THE ARMLESS WONDER." BLAKELY OPENED THE SAFE WITH HIS TOES. THAT'S WHY THE *STRANGE* FINGERPRINTS. AND THE MIDGET WAS SMALL ENOUGH TO SQUEEZE BETWEEN THE BARS OF THE VAULT ROOM

AND HERE ARE THE MISSING PLATES BRANT.. HOW'D YOU EVER FIGURE OUT WALDO?

EASY IF THAT MONKEY EVER ATTENDED SATURN MILITARY ACADEMY, *HE'D HAVE LEARNED* TO SAY "SIR" INSTEAD OF "MISTER" I HAD TO, YOU KNOW!

AND NOW, MADAM, MAY I HAVE *THIS* DANCE WITH YOU *TO JAIL!*

AW, YOU PRIVATE EYES ARE ALL ALIKE. THERE AIN'T *ONE* OF YOU A GIRL CAN TRUST!

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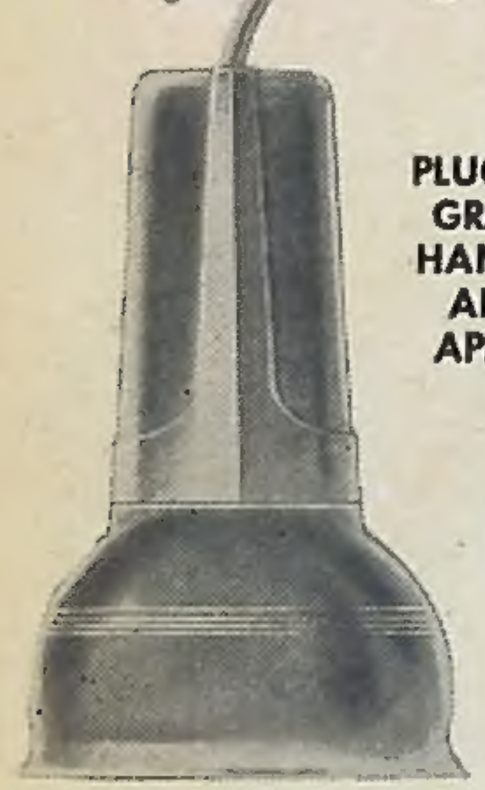

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BLACKHEADS "PET HATE"

Say Men, Girls in Choosing Date

What a "black mark" is the blackhead . . . according to men and girls popular enough to be choosy about dates!

"Nobody's dreamboat!" "Nobody's date bait!" And that's not all that's said of those who are careless about blackheads. But blackheads ARE ugly! Blackheads ARE grimy! And they DON'T look good in close-ups!

So can you blame the fellow who says, "Sure, I meet lots of girls who look cute at first glance. But if, on that second glance, I see dingy blackheads, it's *good night!*"

Or can you blame the girl who confesses, "I hate to go out with a fellow who has blackheads. If he's careless about that you're sure he'll embarrass you in other ways, too!"

But you — are YOUR ears burning? Well, you've company and, sad to say, good company. There are lots of otherwise attractive fellows and girls who could date anyone they like if they'd only realize how offensive blackheads are . . . and how easily and quickly they could get rid of them . . . if they *want* to!

"He-Man" Often Guilty of Blackhead Crime

Take your "he-man" . . . super at track, games, sports of all kinds . . . who thinks that after just a shower he's ready to go anywhere! And won't the girls all admire his muscles!

Sure they would! But not many dance floors are set up for hurdle races! You can't show off your snappy left hook when only cokes are in the ring. The "he-man" who's also clean-cut, will get the breaks wherever he is.

Even Cute Girls Become Careless

Easy, too easy, for a girl to think that if she has the latest in clothes and hair-do she needn't bother about blackheads. A little more make-up, she guesses, will take care of that. BUT MAKE-UP WON'T HIDE BLACKHEADS! Not unless it's plaster of paris, maybe! And even good make-up "slips" at a dance! So don't take chances, cute though you may be!

TAKE THESE TIPS TO BANISH BLACKHEADS

Keep skin clean by washing morning and night with warm, almost hot, water. Use good soap and plenty of it. And finish with cool water.

Extract every blackhead as soon as you see it—with a SAFE extractor. Don't use finger nails. Don't squeeze. That may mean infection, injured tissues, a marred skin.

Just be clean! Be quick! And be safe! That's easy! And that's ALL!

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